

# Calendar No. 332

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 627

**[Report No. 104-231]**

To require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 1995

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Reported by Mr. HATCH without amendment

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Major League Baseball  
5   Antitrust Reform Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF THE ANTITRUST LAWS TO PRO-**  
2 **FESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

3 The Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12 et seq.) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following new section:

5 “SEC. 27. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the antitrust  
6 laws shall apply to the business of professional major  
7 league baseball.

8 “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-  
9 fect—

10 “(1) the applicability or nonapplicability of the  
11 antitrust laws to professional baseball’s amateur  
12 draft, the minor league reserve clause, the Profes-  
13 sional Baseball Agreement, or any other matter re-  
14 lating to the minor leagues;

15 “(2) the applicability or nonapplicability of the  
16 antitrust laws to any restraint by professional base-  
17 ball on franchise relocation; or

18 “(3) the application of Public Law 87–331 (15  
19 U.S.C. 1291 et seq.) (commonly known as the  
20 Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961).”.



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